

Given the local radio market, being saturated by cookie cutter conglomerates, like Clear Channel, I was personally getting tired of the same mold for every off the air station that was being offered. I was totally frustrated by the programming offered by the locals. XM Radio came along and was offering the public an alternative format, which using good old fashioned competition, turned out a better product, therefore is seeing success. That alone should show that the public supports open competition. I don't feel that the FCC or other government agencies should be able to interfere in the free competition market that is happening now. Muting XM's ability to offer local offerings like traffic and weather just tries to pacify the local stations feel of being threatened by competition. I thought the country was based on the free market.. Not having a government agency to protect the interests of any one party. Even if they go through with forcing XM to not offer traffic, I still do not ever listen to the local radio stations. What will blocking the traffic reports gain the local station? I Am STRONGLY opposed to HR 4026.